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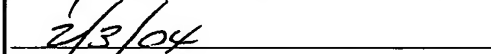
In re Application of: Daniel P. Shevlin  
Appln. Serial No.: 10/619,728  
Filing Date: July 15, 2003  
For: Fluidic Compression Adapted to Accommodate an External Fixation Device

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Please advise as to the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicant received a Filing Receipt on October 15, 2003. Applicant is currently requesting the status of a first Office Action, and the status of this case.

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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